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1. UN SECRETARIAT HAS RELEASED AS PRESS RELEASE DATED 12 JUNE 1975
EXCERPTS FROM UNSYG WALDHEIM'S REMARKS IN MADRID 11 JUNE
AT DINNER GIVEN BY SPANISH FONMIN CONCERNING SITUATION IN
SPANISH SAHARA. TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS BELOW.
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT UN/OPI SPOKESMAN, AT BRIEFING JUNE 16,
NOTED THAT USE OF TERM "THREAT TO PEACE" WAS INCORRECT AND
WAS A RESULT OF AN ERROR IN TRANSLATION FROM ORIGINAL
TEXT IN FRENCH (REFTEL).

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

"THE RECENT EVENTS IN WESTERN SAHARA GIVE MY VISIT AN ADDED
DIMENSION. THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY CONTAINS A RISK OF
CONFRONTATION WHICH MAY AFFECT PEACE AND
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SECURITY NOT ONLY IN THE REGION BUT ALSO INTERNATIONAL PEACE

AND SECURITY. THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM FOR A NUMBERS OF YEARS AND SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS ATTEST TO THAT. MORE RECENTLY, THE REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE MISSION OF INQUIRY OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION ARE CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS' INTEREST IN THE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE TERRITORY. IN A FEW WEEKS, THESE TWO BODIES WILL GIVE THEIR OPINION, THUS ALLOWING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ACT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS ON A CASE, WHICH I ADMIT, IS COMPLICATED.

"IT WAS NATURAL FOR ME, AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO ATTEND TO A MATTER WHICH CONTAINS A THREAT TO PEACE. CONSEQUENTLY, I FOUND IT INDISPENSABLE TO VISIT THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE, IN ORDER TO BE BETTER INFORMED OF THE FACTS. I WAS MOST INTERESTED IN HEARING THE VIEWS OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT ... AND I ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO FIND A PROCESS THAT WILL LEAD TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. UNTIL THAT TIME, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NOTHING BE DONE TO JEOPARDIZE SUCH A SOLUTION NOR TO PREJUDGE THAT DECISION WHICH MUST BE MADE BY THE COMPETENT UNITED NATIONS BODIES." END QUOTE
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